



Richmond Hill School Council

September 25, 2007 7:15 PM
2nd floor, Library

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Topic	Speaker	Time (minutes)
Welcome, Attendance	Michele Matson & Joan Profit	5
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Other Information

Board policies can be accessed through the YRDSB Website at <http://www.yrdsb.edu.on.ca>

RHHS Council Minutes are now available at <http://www.richmondhill.hs.yrdsb.edu.on.ca/schoolcouncil.htm>

Election Results / Membership / Attendance

Joan Profit (Chair)
Ken Cappon (Member)
Joanne Lott (Member)
Wayne Kitchen (Member)
Amy Wong (Member)
Norm Ferguson
Michele Matson

Ivy Chan (Principal)
Ruth Griffith (Vice-Principal)
Kim Garner (Vice-Principal)
Jose D'aversa

Abbas Sherazi
(Student Council President)

Student Council Report (Abbas Sherazi)

Spirit Week - was successful due to the tremendous effort from everyone involved.

Upcoming Events:
 October – Dance
 November – Semi-Formal Dance
 December – Talent Night
 March – Band Night
 End of year – Prom

Focus is open communication with administration to build relationship and understanding.

Principal’s Report (Dr. Ivy Chan)

- Thank you
 Sincere thanks to Joan Profit and Michele Matson for their exemplary work as Co-Chairs last year.

Welcome

- New Trustee – Peter Luchowski

Welcome to the following staff members

- Kim Garner
 Li Wang
 Suzanne Vallis
 Robert Young
 Alan Wasserman
 Ryan Wineberg
 David Doucette
 Tiffany Hugh Yenin
- **Welcome back**
 Liz Kennedy
 Chris Kemp
 Anat Lefler
 Charlene Pollock
 Nadia Perrella
- **Staff changes over the summer**
 - Supervisor of Facilities – Carmine Capuano has been transferred to New Market H.S. He has been replaced by Frank Fasciano.

Celebrations

AP Results: 58 students took the exams and 39 (67%) achieved Levels 4 or 5.

Subject	# Students	Achievement Levels		
		3	4	5
Business	18	5	9	4
Biology	5	1	0	4
Calculus	9	1	1	7
Chemistry	9	2	3	1
French	1	1		
Physics	16	4		10
Total	58	14	13	26

- Congratulations to Belinda Pang for winning, among other scholarships, the 2007 McMaster University Health Science Research Bursary Award.
- Special mention of Pammy Cohen who was selected to be on one of five teams that will represent Ontario at the North American Debate Championships on October 18 in Calgary, Alberta. She was featured in the August 14 Liberal newspaper.

- This year's Multifaith Calendar cover is designed by a RHHS student – Isabelle Choi

Student enrolment – 1724 as of today with 18 VISA students. We have been allocated .5 extra staffing

Grade 9 Transitions Initiatives

- Gr. 9 Curriculum Night was a wonderful success. Attendance was lighted than last year, but the parents were most appreciative and had grteat things to say about our staff and school programs.
A big thank you to the staff who came out on a voluntary basis to meet the parents and answer their questions.
- So far, the feedback re. the Orientation Day at Green Acres has been very positive.
- Both the Literacy Teacher (Ms. Barb Russell) and the Numeracy Teacher (Mr. Harvi Brar) will again be spending time with the Gr. 8 students in the feeder schools and directly teaching them in their classes about once a week.

RHHS Mission for 2006-2007

Our mission for this school year is to ensure that every student experiences success, be literate and be of good character

School Priorities

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Early Identification
- Assessment and Evaluation Practices
- Increased Professional Development Days
- Community Learning Coordinator
- Student Success
 - Credit Recovery and Credit Salvaging
 - Transitions initiatives
 - Pathways
 - Teacher Mentor/Monitor
- New Teacher Induction Program (NTIP)
- Safe Schools Policy and Practice
 - Bullying Prevention Plan
 - Progressive Discipline
 - Community and Parental Involvement
 - Programs for Suspended/Expelled Students
 - Restorative Practices
 - Lock Down Drill – September 21
 - 2 Fire-Drills already – one by the Fire Department – all students out in 4 minutes
- Reculturing the school to recognize diversity
 - Music in the morning
 - Diversity Advocacy Team – The Place To Be
 - Character Education to be embedded in everything that we do
- Parent Engagement
- Anti-smoking campaign
 - Tickets given out by Tobacco Control Officers
 - \$305 for holding a cigarette on school property
 - \$365 for providing a cigarette on school property
 - \$600 for smoking a cigarette on school property

New Business (Ken Cappon)

Regular parent information could be improved, which would increase family and community engagement. Newsletter every 2 months contains too little information about events, and is often not seen in time.

Suggestion:

Use a more frequent method of communication – for example, frequent broadcast emails, current website.

Recreation Space on School Grounds

There is too little space for recreation. Students are reduced to playing ball in the parking lot – not safe, or appropriate.

Suggestion:

Is it possible to rent space in a nearby facility? For example, Loyal Blue? There is simply not enough recreation space for the students to exercise and enjoy the company of their friends playing soccer.

Response:

There is space behind the portables, albeit limited. Not sure that students leaving school property, and crossing a busy road for recreation is a workable option.